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The fields, begun two weeks ago, will be ready next year.

Work Begins on Fields

by Doug Chandler

Construction has begun on Hamilton's controversial new intramural fields, but they won't be ready for use until at least September, 1980, according to Provost Sidney Wertimer.

Students arrived this week to find a large area adjacent to Minor Dorm being plowed and levelled off buy a single bulldozer. Wertimer received some complaints from students about noise from the plowing early in the morning, so future work will not begin until 8 a.m. "The heavy noise should stop in the next few days, when the plowing will be finished," he said.

The fields became a major issue on campus last spring when it was learned that $94,000 had been allocated for the construction of intramural fields, to be built in an overgrown area at the south of Kirkland campus. Petitions were circulated by students to have construction plans halted, and the location of the fields was reviewed by the administration.

The final decision to build the fields was made in July by the administration, and was affirmed by the Board of Trustees on August 2. Construction began August 6, but has been held up by heavy rains, said Wertimer.

The site being cleared is slightly south of the location called for in the original plans. A 280 by 440 foot area will be cleared for three touch football fields combined with two softball diamonds.

This is the first issue of the Spectator. We will continue publishing every week with issues appearing Friday around 5 o'clock. Distribution centers will be located at the mail center, the Bristol Campus Center, and McEwen. If copies run out, additional papers can be found at the Spectator office on the third floor of Bristol. Have a good year.

Rooms Are Short

by Rob Chassin

Twenty-five more freshmen chose Hamilton than expected, and this has caused some housing problems, according to Betsy Adams, the new Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

"We have had to convert some doubles to triples in Kirkland Dormitory and triples to quads in South Dormitory," said Adams. "South and Kirkland Dorms are big enough to accomodate the additional students," she added. The Dean could not say whether this is a temporary or permanent situation.

Dean of Admissions Chris Covert explained the predicament further. "We were aiming at a class of about 450 students. We have 475 freshmen presently enrolled in the class of 1983. With the 21 transfer students, that makes 496 new students on the Hill this year."

According to Adams, the housing problem has even spread to the Bristol Campus Center. "There is one male student," she said, "who previously plannned not to return and had no room reserved." At present there is no space for him, although there are six slots scattered throughout the campus for women.

Union Ratifies Two Year Pact With College

by Philip Ruppel

Local 200, the union which represents members of the Physical Plant, ratified a two year contract with the college Wednesday night.

According to Provost Sidney Wertimer, the college agreed to a package along with many non-monetary details, includes a 7 per cent pay rise. Twenty-five cents has also been added to the monthly pension plan.

Wertimer said that the negotiations were "completely amicable, cooperative and helpful." He noted that they were slowed down by several persons taking vacations at different times.

The new contract stipulates that custodians and cleaners will get a 16 cent per hour increase;
groundsmen will get an increase of 40 cents;
and tradespeople working for the school, including carpenters, electricians, plumbers and masons will get a 50 cent increase.

Wertimer explained that he had tried to balance out the wages to conform with standards set in the area. He noted that while the school pays the custodians and cleaners very well relative to similar jobs in the area, the school "tradesmen" needed a pay hike to bring them up to par.

Wertimer explained that of the 76 people working at the Physical Plant, 48 belong to the Union. He noted that the Union contract effects all workers, Union and non-Union.

Edward Neidhardt, plumber/electrician and President of Local 200, commented yesterday that the contract "went over very well" and that the college was "very fair in their offerings. He noted that the college stayed very much within the Presidential guidelines.

At last Wednesday's meeting, 29 members of the Union were present and all voted in favor the contract, the Spectator has learned.

Obituary

Lee H. Bristol: Trustee, Friend

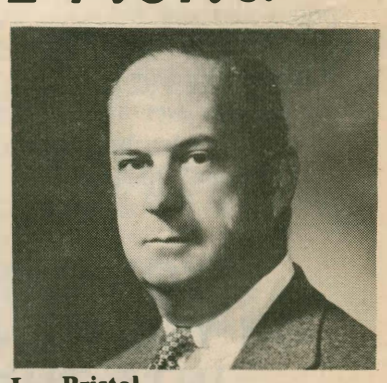
Lee Hastings Bristol, '47, Charter Trustee of Hamilton from 1971 to 1979 and long-time friend of the school, died August 10, 1979 in the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, N.Y. He was 56 years old and lived in Princeton, N.J.

After graduating from Hamilton where he majored in music, Bristol went on to earn a Licentiate in Organ from Trinity College of Music in London.

In 1955, he was awarded a doctor of humanities degree from the Los Angeles Conservatory of Music and Arts.

A grandson of the founder of the Bristol-Myers Company, Bristol worked there in a number of positions between 1951 and 1962. When he left as director of public relations, he became president of the Westminster Choir in Princeton, N.J.

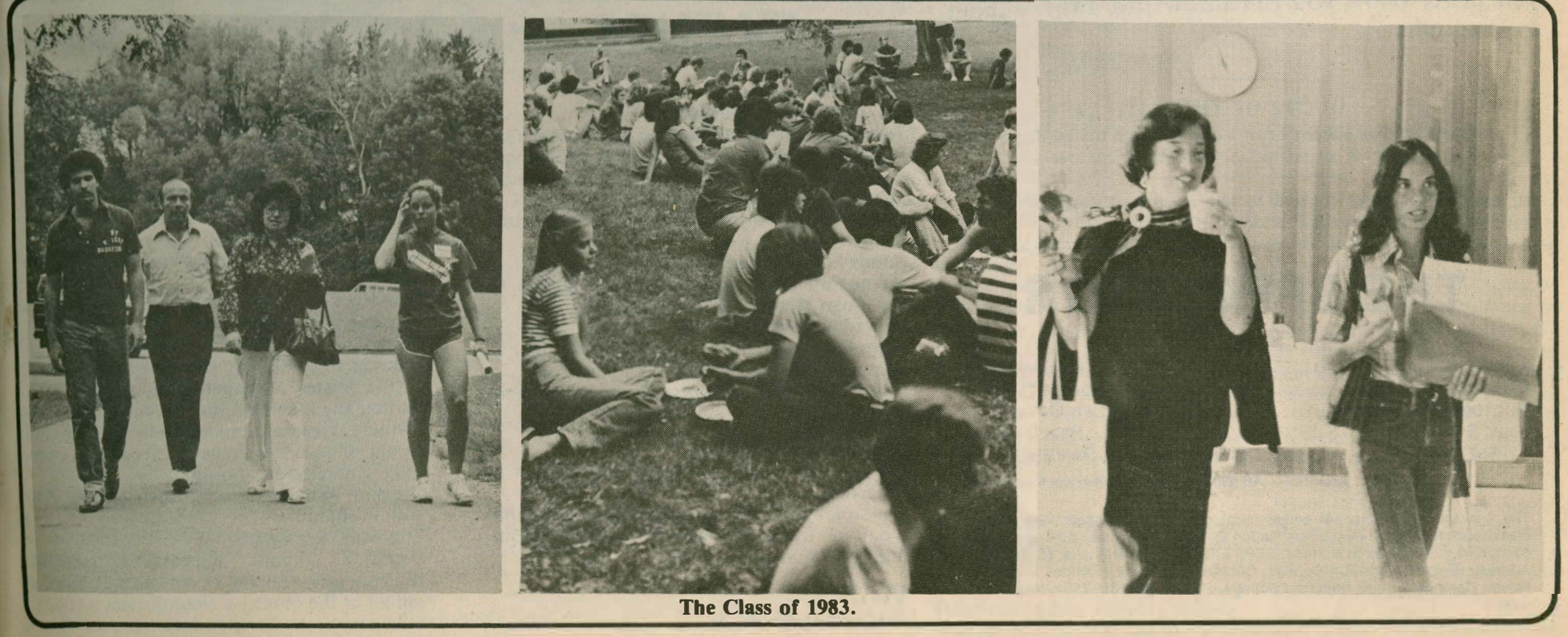
Bristol had been a very active member of the Hamilton community since his undergraduate days and remained very close to the College. From 1970 to 1971, he was the president of the Society of Alumni.



Lee Bristol.

As a trustee, he was chairman of the Committee for Resource and Development. He was also chairman of the Priorities for Hamilton Campaign, which was conceived by him and the Communications and Development office.

In September 1968, Bristol added to his ten honorary doctorates a doctor of law from his alma mater.



The Class of 1983.

Dog Days—

Animal Ban Takes Form

by Philip Ruppel

Fido will have to stay home with mom and dad this year as the new rule banning animals on campus goes into effect. According to Dean of Student Affairs R. Gordon Bingham, violators of the rule will be referred to the Judiciary Board for possible punishment.

However, the Dean hopes that there will be voluntary compliance with the rule. He said that although violators will be held responsible, there would be no "dog warden" patrolling the campus.

The Dean cited two problems which might arise from the new rule. Students living off-campus will be able to have dogs, and may even feel free to bring their pets up Hill for the day. Although he cannot control off-campus life, Bingham said, students may not bring their animals to the Hill.

Bingham also added that faculty members have been urged to comply with the new rule.

"We are doing our best to persuade them [the faculty] not to bring their pets here," the Dean noted.

Dogs disobeying the ban.

However, a tour of the campus indicates that the faculty and staff may not be taking the Dean's ban seriously, as several animals have been witnessed running freely around campus.

When one faculty member who brings his dog with him to work was asked about the ban, he replied that, as a legal resident of Kirkland County, he felt that he did not have to obey rules set up by the Student Assembly. When informed that Dean Bingham was responsible for the rule, the faculty member said that he did not know what he would do, but he did not feel that his dog was a nuisance.

EDITORIAL

A New Leaf

At the end of last semester, it seemed evident that the administration had lost the faith of the student body. After a series of moves, most notably the near cancellation of Class and Charter Day, the sudden cancellation of the Adler Conference, and the decision to build fields on the Kirkland campus without the consultation of the student body, there did not seem much that the students could trust the administration in.

Now that the students have returned for a new year, it is best that we all turn a new leaf. With a new dean, a new dog policy and new fields, we should start at the beginning. We can only, however, urge the administration to take the students seriously in matters concerning them. And we urge the students even more to make a concerted effort to become involved in what is going on.

It just can't hurt.

YOU CAN HELP US OR YOU CAN THROW THIS INTO THE NEAREST TRASHCAN

The Spectator needs talented, hard-working people to report news, sports, arts, design layout, photograph, and type (for money) every week. **Returning staff members** and **interested newcomers** are *urged* to attend the *annual* Spectator meeting this Monday at 7 p.m. in the Red Pit. Can you honestly turn down this appeal, sit there, and not get involved? See you there. (Now you can throw this away without feeling guilty.)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

From the 1979 Fall Catalogue of Courses issued by the Registrar:
"Monday is considered the first day of the week."

All students who were not able to sign in at the Kirkland Cottage yesterday may do so in the President's office.

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Hill Takes On A New Look

by Philip Ruppel

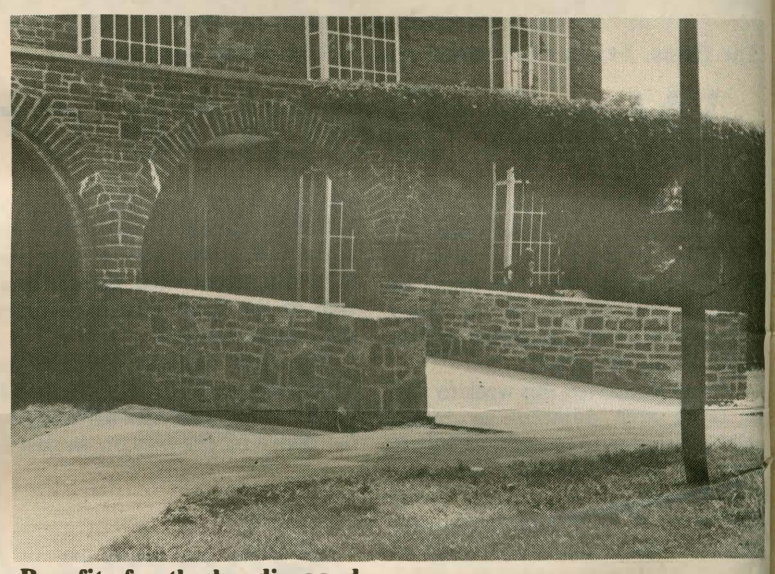
Various steps were undertaken by the college this summer in order to comply with set government standards regarding access for handicapped people to public buildings.

Part of what has been estimated as a $300,000 project completed this summer were the ramps leading up to the Bristol Campus Center and into the Chapel. Bannisters were installed on the steps of the Chapel and rails will soon be attached to the Bristol entrance.

According to Provost of the College Sidney Wertimer, costs for the ramps, both of which have heating coils in them to melt ice, were $10,000 for the Bristol ramp and $6,000 for the Chapel ramp. He noted that a ramp into McEwen Hall is planned for the future.

The intention of the government standards, the Provost explained, is to allow access to buildings of public assembly, not only for disabled students, but also for any disabled parents who might visit their children. Therefore, the College has undertaken the task to concentrate first on those buildings most likely visited by the public.

Wertimer did note, though, that a ramp to Kirkland dorm has been planned, as well as renovations of certain rooms, bathrooms, and classrooms in order to accommodate handicapped students. All these changes, he said, were taken on the recommendation of a self-study completed by the college two years ago. The problem, he noted, is that the government asks the institution to make many more changes than are economically or practically feasible. However, by 1981, the college should be pretty much in line with the self-study and the governmental codes regarding handicapped persons, he said.



Benefits for the handicapped.

At this time, most public buildings at Hamilton should be in compliance with governmental standards. This would include an elevator from the first floor of the Alumni Gymnasium to the gym, the Provost noted.

The Student Assembly is looking for interested sophomores, juniors and seniors to fill the following positions as chairmen of the following committees: Admissions, Curriculum, Food Services, Health, and Student Services. Other positions open on committees include: Athletic Association; Chapel Speakers (2); Publications Board (3 including chairman); Committee on Cultural Activities (2); Equal Opportunity Committee (1 two-year term); and Assembly Funding Committee (3). There are also other openings on the Provost Advisory Committee, the Root Glen Advisory Committee, and the Trustee Committee. Please notify Mike Quinn as soon as possible if you are interested.

EVENTS

films

On Campus this Weekend
Take the Money and Run. Friday, 8 and 10 p.m. in Science Aud. Saturday, 10 p.m. in Science.
Sterile Cuckoo. Friday, 8 and 10 p.m. in Kirner-Johnson Aud., Saturday, 9 and 11 p.m. in K-J.
Coop Film: *Foreign Correspondent.* Saturday, 3 p.m. in K-J.

Sunday (September 9)
Women's Film Society: *Julia.* 8 and 10 p.m. in K-J. (Also Monday, 9:30 in K-J.)

Thursday (September 13)
Film: *Greed.* 8 p.m. in K-J.
Samuel Kirkland Film: TBA. 10 p.m. in K-J.
Coop Film: *The Innocents.* 10 p.m. in Science.

music

Saturday (September 8)
College Hill Singers Musicale. 8 and 10 p.m. in the Chapel.
Dance featuring *Pictures* (formerly *Steaknite)* 9 p.m. on the Bundy lawn. (if rain, Bundy Dining Hall.) Admission $1.00.

misc.

Friday (September 7)
The Pub Opens. 9-1. *Repeats Daily.*

Saturday (September 8)
The Annual Plant and Bake Sale of the Clinton Child Care Center. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in McEwen and Bristol Lobbies.

Sunday (September 9)
Art Exhibition Opening. *"Outside the City Limits,"* landscapes by New York City artists. Root Art Center at 12:30 p.m.

Monday (September 10)
Find out about the Spectator. 7 p.m. in the Red Pit.
Opening Convocation. 8 p.m. in the Chapel.

Tuesday (September 11)
Formation of a Circle K Club, affiliated with Kiwanis International, will be organized at 7 p.m. in Bristol. All Hamilton College students, particularly incoming Key Club members, are invited to register as founding members of the Circle K Club, an on- and off-campus community service organization.
Student Activities Mart—Open House. 7-10 p.m. in Bristol.

Thursday (September 13)
Sigma Xi Lecture: "Aspects of functional representation in the human brain." Brenda Milner of the Montreal Neurological Institute. 8:30 p.m. in the Science Aud.